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Clever Treatment May Transform Poor Window Effects to Attractiveness

Several Plans Suggested Whereby Long Axis May Be Shortened by Proper Arrangement of Curtains. Use of Chintzes and Cretonne.

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OUR modern windows are all too often too narrow and high to be artistic, and frequently resemble the unattractive windows of old public buildings.

It is, however, easy to shorten the long axis of a window and make it more attractive by several plans. Instead of hanging the curtains directly over the window, they can be hung outside the window trim on the curtain rod extending four or six inches beyond the trim itself, or this outside may for six inches be devoted to a cretonne or other heavy material hung along the wall with the small net or scrim curtains hanging on the window proper and reaching to the sill. This extra strip of cretonne on either side of the window will make it appear wider and give the illusion that there is window or glass under these strips.

Add To Width.

Then have a valance of from eight to ten inches depth hung across the top of the window, which will shorten the apparent height of the window and also add to its width. The valance may be of cretonne and match the side hanging or merely a valance without the side pieces can be used to give the lower effect.

If two windows are not far apart and seem unattractively and barely placed in the wall space, they can be tied together, as it were, by extending the valance across the wall space between them and using the side strips on the outside of each of the windows only. This makes the effect of a very broad or bay window, and has been successfully followed in several apartment buildings.

Treating High Windows.

One clever woman had three very high and separate windows in one wall of a living room. She used the plain bobbinet for inside curtains on each window. She then purchased a heavy quality of monk's cloth in a tan shade, and made from it strips for each side of the outside windows, and valances ten inches deep to go across all three. For the small sum of \$3 a carpenter made her a chest to fit under the middle window, which she covered with the same monk's cloth, and pillows of various kinds. This plan resulted in a most attractive window effect, and the valances were anything but bare, and which was very far removed from the conventional face curtain window, which is only attractive when it has a great deal of space.

The same idea can be carried out in many bedrooms, where the bright chintzes and cretonne can easily be used to make the angular window space into a more cozy and attractive outlook.

Make the Most of Gray Hair

Treat It as a Musician Does a Theme Upon Which to Build a Lovely Melody.

DON'T DYE IT. It is a never-ending, messy job to keep it touched up, for most hair grows about an inch a month; and worst of all, the deception rarely deceives any one. The lines that care and experience and thought have written into every mature face require the softening effect of the silver tones above it. Dyed hair has a hardening effect on some faces, and to others it gives an almost cruel look.

But once having accepted gray hair, make of it your greatest beauty. It must be kept spotlessly clean, and therefore washed often with water or a tonic, though after traveling or motoring a sponging off with alcohol will often serve in place of a shampoo. But when it is put to a thorough cleansing, use only the best and purest liquid soap, as free from alkali as possible, and treat it as the laundress does her fine linen.

Put it through many rinsings to get rid of every particle of soap, the last one being quite cool and deep blue with indigo. Let the hair rest.

Seen In The Shops

FLAT envelope-shaped purses of Persian goat-skin are offered at \$1.50 at one P street department store. It would, of course, spoil their shape to crowd them full of knick-knacks, but for the simple purpose of carrying money and a hankie they are extremely natty.

An Eighth street store is having a sale of summer lingerie and dance frocks. For as low as \$2.97 one may buy a gown of flowered voile in blue, lavender, or pink, with a yoke of net, a medic collar and cuffs of organdy and a black velvet girdle. Simple dresses of linen are the same price, the colors being rose, lavender, and brown. For \$12.95 are more individual gowns of exquisite materials, with crepe weaves predominating, of course.

Really charming are the taffeta dance frocks reduced from up to the twenties to \$3.95. The skirts are becomingly voluminous, and the bodices clouds of malines. A few robes of ruffles and shoulders or a single line of gold or silver embroidery are the only trimmings, and, indeed, none other is needed.

Two small packs of gilt-edged cards in a red morocco case cost \$2.50, and would make a splendid prize for a card party where appropriate favors are desired.

The prettiest of lanterns may be had at another ten-cent store—one in Seventh street this time. The shapes are irregular and the colors of the gayest. They may be strung up with paper parols at a lawn fete or would be sure to make a hit at a private party. The shades are of hostess wishes to gain a novel and summery effect. The most elaborate of these lanterns sell for as high as 19 cents, while others may be had as low as two for a cent.

Japanese window-chimes are another novelty. They hang from half-lanterns of paper and give a tinkling sound, when caught by the breeze. These, too, are 10 cents.

The companies issuing 10-cent records get out a monthly bulletin now, just as the makers of grown-up records do. It really pays to look up these lists occasionally, for there are some records that are quite worth while. There is "The Rosary," for instance, and "River Shannon" and "Silver Threads," and others that are like to hear a little of occasionally but not too often.

(Information giving the names of shops which carry the articles referred to in these columns will be furnished on request. Kindly mention date of issue when possible, and address "The Shopper.")

Federal Positions Open To Girls In Broad, Wide Field of Employment

Commissioner Galloway Shows Faith in Government Service by Quoting Statistics of Examinations

Gives Reasons For Urging Girls to Seek Service Among Wide Field of National Departments.

By FLORENCE E. YODER.

"Women may, in the discretion of the head of any department, be appointed to any of the clerkships therein authorized by law, upon the same requisites and conditions, and with the same compensation as are prescribed for men."

—Act of Congress July 13, 1890, Section 143 of the Revised Statutes.

THIS short paragraph is respectfully presented to all young girls just out of high school, or college, or even in the middle of their college course, who wish to do something else in the world besides "teach school."

It is the law which allows women to work in the Government departments and which offers a wide field of employment from which the young girl can choose. In connection with this law, as it applies to the young girl of today, several things stand out prominently.

First, the examinations for the civil service are to occur in the fall in September and October, in this city and at other stated places. Begin to study now.

Specialists Needed.

Second, according to Commissioner Galloway, of the Civil Service, the girl who has specialized, who knows some certain branch of work which will dovetail into the work of the departments, stands a better chance for advancement and retention than the girl who has merely skimmed the surface of many subjects.

Third, Washington offers some of the greatest advantages of any city in the way of night courses in educational institutions. The girl in the Government who has not specialized, will have a chance to specialize.

Commissioner Galloway has great faith in the Government service, and as proof that the nation has faith in it, he quoted the figures showing the number of persons who took the examinations in the years 1908 and 1914.

"In 1908," he read, "33,000 people took the civil service, and in 1914, approximately 30,000. I think that that is an increase in the number of people who are interested in the Government service. Incidentally this increase is an indication of the interest of the young men and women of this country. In five years, the greatest portion of the growth took place, and many departments have been added to the Government, which, each in turn, offer new fields for the exercise of some special professional or trade."

Innovations Coming.

"If, within the next decade, the Government enlarges its activities in the same ratio as it did in the last decade, I feel that I can say without exaggeration that the graduate of any special course or courses will be an asset to the Government service."

Even the next five years will see remarkable changes and innovations. "As to the particular employment of young women at the present time, I wish to say that since this is an era of specialization, the young woman who will find her best opportunity for advancement in the Government service is the one who has had special training in some line which she has chosen."

This holds true for many reasons. The positions of deskwork, which require only a general education, are, of course, in the greatest demand and grow rapidly. The result, General qualifications and an ordinary scientific training do not serve to distinguish one broadly from the rest of one's fellow beings.

Open to Women.

"Even the positions of stenographer and typewriter offer greater possibilities than the mere clerkships. Other positions open to women are those of librarian, cataloguer, press feeder, scientific assistant in the Department of Agriculture, clerical clerk, telephone operator, teacher in the Indian service and other positions such as matron, nurse and so on."

"That is largely due to the fact that they have not trained themselves. Many do not seem to be aware of the need to be accurate. Above all a stenographer must be accurate. Of course, there are many who foolishly take up the study of stenography without sufficient training in English. This is a matter of course are destined for failure and

are given too heavy a handicap to overcome. "For after all the examinations are not particularly difficult. They are only severe enough to insure the Government against the employment of an incompetent person."

Advantages in City.

"Since Washington affords some of the greatest advantages, perhaps, of any other city in the country in the way of educational institutions having evening courses she is able to take a special course at one of the colleges. Being in the Government and in a position to keep thoroughly in touch with her machinery, she is able to gauge her time, choose her subject and take, in time, the examination in the subject to which she is best adapted and for which she is especially trained."

When questioned as to favoritism in appointments, Commissioner Galloway smiled and said: "The idea that there is anything but excellence in competitive examination is a myth. Many years ago, in 1870, Congress passed a law which admitted women into the Government service."

"Gen. Francis E. Spinner, who was treasurer of the United States from 1861 until 1875, is supposed to have been the first to employ women in

his department of the Government service, and to have been the means of stirring up the interest necessary for the passage of the law. "Now until 1882, this first law resulted in appointment through favor, award, and preference, but with the passage of the civil service law in that year, all this favoritism automatically disappeared and all appointments were based, as they are now, upon fitness alone."

The full Manual of Examinations has been published and may be had by applying to the Civil Service Commission, 1224 F street north-west.



CHARLES M. GALLOWAY,
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Laughter and Tears Are Steering Gear of Delicate Mechanism of the Soul

By DR. LEONARD KEENE HIRSHBERG,
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LAUGHTER may, as both Sir Philip Sidney and Prof. Henri Bergson have said, arise from things that appear out of proportion to nature and to symmetry. The writers of motion picture scenarios are only in part alive to such delightful situations. Those who have successfully seized this cue have not only been themselves well rewarded, but they have spread the gospel of happiness and health to the multitudes who have bathed their eyes in laughing tears.

The medical value of laughter cuts many an ailment short; the case breaks down, the defendant leaves the court. To laugh, if but for an instant only, take my word for it is a balm to the soul greater than was ever in Gilead.

No better receipt to make sorrow sink has ever been known than the one that any person with a nickel may now have at a clown to be funny, or a low comedian in a musical show to excite the risibilities. Even the side-splitting monologues of the most popular stars reach only a few more than a handful of people.

Their best endeavors will but provoke some few to side-shaking mirth, so that they laugh like parrots at a bachelier, while others will remain of such vinegar aspect that they will not show their teeth in way of smile, though Nestor sweats the jest be laughable. Yet the infectiousness of a jolly motion picture thrown upon the "movie" screen is so overpowering that even the most embittered personage must needs succumb to this triumphant deal of vitality.

Laughter and tears are really the steering gear of the same delicate soul-mechanism. They are the muscular fluid and water vapor that keep the chassis of life strong and forward looking. Manliness and dignity are never hurt by laughter.

Actually An Exercise.

"Sport that wrinkled bare derides, With laughter holding both its sides," is exercise equal to swimming, playing or tennis playing. It is, therefore, a silly objection of the backward-looking and downfellers to object to the movies upon the ground that they are a waste of time. As you sit quietly before the far-from-flickering screen, you become flabby and indolent, also lachrymose. Nothing could be further from the truth! Physiologically, it is now known that there can be no laughter—nay, not

Laughter and Tears.

Ergo, when you ostensibly sit at your ease at a place of amusement and laugh to your heart's content, you are really at muscular practice. This type of physical culture and gymnastics is as good as dumbbells and Indian clubs or other indoor exercise.

Before the recent psychological-physiological discovery that laughter is a muscular affair purely and simply, the leaders of the anti-playhouse crusades may have gone unheeded as far as the "want-of-exercise" matter is concerned. But no more.

Care to the coffin adds a nail, without doubt, and every smile, so merrily, draws one out. Even the laughing devil in a play villain's sneer, which raises emotions both of fear and rage, works a value upon the spectator's muscles. Laughter is the elixir wherewith to decipher the basic principles of health and the opening door of dawn, pretest with the "movie" screen to shake the midriff or despair with laughter may mean a rejuvenation to the flaccid, fat, and lazy tissues of many a man.

Just as a smile is ever most bright and beautiful with a tear upon it, and the opening door of dawn, pretest with the dew upon them, so the tears amidst a smile are precious over and above the tears. This with the little and big dramas and the photoplays, intermingled with a dash of peppery laughter gives a tang and zest to the comfortably seated spectator that speaks health and content, growth and strength.

PERSONAL ADVICE.

Readers desiring a personal reply should remember:
1. To address inquiries to Dr. L. K. Hirschberg, care of The Washington Times.
2. To enclose a stamped and addressed envelope.

ADVICE TO GIRLS

By Annie Laurie

Dear Annie Laurie—I am a girl sixteen years old. I have a chum who is just my age, and we have been going together for eight years. Since we have grown older, of course we have both had boy friends. I have been going with a young man for six months, and this is my first group of him. About two weeks ago I introduced him to my chum, and he has become infatuated with her.

We are both fairly good looking, though I think she is better looking than myself. I have told her that I am, and she has told me that she is. I am sure that she is, and I am sure that she is.

YOU are in a most difficult situation, Annie. Of course, you would not care to say anything to him about it, for it would drive him away quickest of anything. If he knew that you were really jealous, does your girl friend realize that the young man is becoming attracted to her or does she seem oblivious of the fact?

I should think that she couldn't help but notice that he was paying her a great deal of attention, and if she is a true friend of yours, she ought to discourage it. She may be flattered to think that she is able to attract him, but she is not really helping you. You must really suspect that he means anything by it.

Are there ways that you could manage to prevent them from seeing each other so often. Surely, you do not need to invite her to your house when you know that the young man is coming. When he is around try to appear as your very best. Talk about things he likes, make the most of your appearance, and he will be pleased to know that you are taking the trouble to make him comfortable.

Dear Annie Laurie—About three years ago I met a young man. I went out with him a few times, and then left Washington for the summer. While I was away we exchanged letters, and when I came home I owed him one. I never answered it, and didn't let him know of my return. About a month later I met him on the street, and he asked to see me. He told me that he had been thinking of me, and that he had been thinking of me.

Frederick can't have the ordinary toys of children. He must show ingenuity and discover his own playthings. "Mechanical toys keep a child from developing his imagination and constructive ability," said Frederick's mother. "When Frederick wants to play horse, I notice that he takes his father's cane or uses a broomstick."

Frederick once used his mother's laundry soap bars for horse blocks. She bought him more soap at once. Mrs. Fish is teaching Frederick orderliness and manners at eighteen months.

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and I was glad. Narrow and silly. I certainly must have been. The only thing I had against him was that he wrote in pencil, his nails were not manicured, and he had a few freckles on his nose. You see, I judged him by these things and not from a moral point of view. I realize now that he was a boy in a hundred. Is there any way I can ask him to call without seeing forward?

Well, L. D. H., I am glad that you are sensible enough to see your mistake and to admit it before it is too late to make some sort of amends. I believe that I am more unhappy caused by judging people by appearances than almost any other thing. I believe that I am more unhappy caused by judging people by appearances than almost any other thing. I believe that I am more unhappy caused by judging people by appearances than almost any other thing.

From what you have said of his character, however, I shouldn't think that you need despair of ever seeing him again. Somehow, I think, he is one of those comfortable persons who are always willing to come when they are needed. Try to find the young man's address, if you don't know it already. There are plenty of excuses you could give for seeking him out, but I am sure that it will be all that is needed.

In the meantime his manners may have improved, but if they have not, try to help him by your example rather than by snubbing him for something that may not be his fault. (Copyright, 1915, by Newspaper Feature Service.)

Miss Laurie will welcome letters of inquiry on subjects of feminine interest from young women readers of this paper, and will reply to them in these columns. They should be addressed to her care, this office.

TIP FOR TIP.

The Diner—Guess I'll order of that lamb stew. I see the proprietor eating it, so it must be good. The Waiter—Keep away from it. He's a tightwad and eats only what he can't sell.—Chicago News.

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